GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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THEFT OF TELEPHONE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of telephone cables theft has been increased in Mumbai, Pune and Delhi during the recent past;

(b) if so, the names of telephone exchanges of these cities along with the amount of losses suffered as a result thereof during 2000-2001 and till date exchange-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to curb such thefts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No increase in telephone cable thefts have been reported in Pune in recent past. But in Delhi and Mumbai units of MTNL, there has been an increase in the incidents of the theft of telephone cable.

(b) The details are given in Annexure I & II for Delhi & Mumbai units of MTNL respectively.

(c) The following steps are being taken to curb such thefts.

i) Round the clock patrolling
ii) Locking of Manholes
iii) Co-ordination with police authorities
iv) Reduction of length of underground cables by providing more number of Extension Network Concentrators (CNEs) & Digital Line Concentrators(DLCs)

ANNEXXURE - 1

DETAILS OF CABLE THEFT CASES EXCHANGE-WISE FOR THE YEAR 2000-01

Name of Area	Name of Exchange	No. of Cable Thefts	Loss involved in Rs.
Central	Kidwai Bhawan	1	8,712.00
	Lodhi Raod	6	1,21,00
	Rajpath	1	42,00
	TOTAL	8	1,71,712
Eastern	Idgah	5	76,000
	Tis Hazari	5	84,166
	Total	10	1,60,168
Trans Yamuna	Laxmi Nagar	1	20,685
	Mayur Vihar	2	76,000
	East Loni Road	2	52,000
	TOTAL	5	1,48,685
North-I&II	Badli	2	12,295
(Combined Report)	Bawana	2	51,000
	Alipur	3	14,316
	Nerala	4	42,700
	TOTAL	11	1,20,311
North-II	Bawana	2	25,255
	Badli	5	69,891
	Navada	7	48,400
	Alipur	3	10,580
	TOTAL	17	1,54,126
South-I	Bhikaji Cama Place	7	76,407
	Hauz Khas	16	5,31,18

	Chattarpur	8	69,203	
	Vasant Vihar	2	16,000	
	Chanakya Puri	3	24,000	
	Vasant Kunj	4	31,849	
	TOTAL	40	7,48,639	
South-II	Tuglakabad	5	86,772	
	Nehru Place	11	62,290	
	Tekhand	11	2,85,100	
	Okhla	8	1,50,214	
	Sarita Vihar	2	10,725	
	TOTAL	37	5,95,101	
West-I	Dwarka	10	35,000	
	Janakpuri	7	45,050	
	Delhi Cantt.	3	5,408	
	Shadipur	1	8,177	
	Nazafgarh	5	2,11,686	
	Pankha Road	1	5,789	
	TOTAL	27	3,11,110	
West-II	Nangloi	5	53,550	
	Rajouri Garden	6	59,000	
	TOTAL	11	1,12,550	
GM(Transmission)	JP-SITA	1	4,000	
Jn. Cable	CHY-BCP	2	9,000	
	JP-AYA AGR	2	10,400	
	Ld. RD-GHITRONI	1	6,250	
	OK-NP	1	1,100	
	CHY-HK	1	6,000	
	TOTAL	8	36,750	
Total Cables	GRAND TOTAL	174	25,59,152	

ANNEXURE - II

MTNL Mumbai

Sr. No.	Exchange Name	No. of thefts	Amount involved (in Rupees)
1.	Vile Parle	5	1,10,869
2.	Bandra Kurla Complex	9	2,29,760
3.	Chembur	4	1,42,013
4.	Ghatkopar	1	33,933
5.	Powai	2	1,00,000
6.	Gokuldham	4	21,187
7	Mulund	5	99,145
8.	Thane Churaj	5	77,425
9	Murol	2	75,204
10.	Panvel	1	9,64,656
11.	CBD Belapur	5	2,86,800
12.	Rabale	5	14,000
13.	Nerul	2	16,000
14.	Turbhe	5	38,200
15.	Kulumboli	4	2,49,799
16.	Taloja	2	10,000
17.	Urun	1	10,000
	Total	62	24,78,991